



NOW, WITH
RESIDENTIAL AREAS
ON MARS UNDER
DEVELOPMENT
AND SOON TO BE
A REALITY,

DO YOU FEEL THAT
THE SUPER SPACE
PILLAR'S CONSTRUCTION
AND THE DISASTER
THAT FOLLOWED

WERE BOTH INEVITABLE
AND A FOUNDATION
FOR YOU GETTING TO
WHERE YOU ARE NOW?

...YES.

...YES.



THE TERRORIST GROUP
WHICH HAS OCCUPIED
THE SPACE PILLAR IS
A FAR-RIGHT ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION ORGANIZATION
KNOWN AS THE
"INTERNATIONAL UNION
FOR NATURE"!! ...



POLICE ARE CHECKING
WHETHER THEY CAN
NEGOTIATE TO FREE
SOME OF THE HOSTAGES TRAPPED
INSIDE WITH THE
TERRORIST GROUP...





AND HAVE BEEN
SO BUSY I CAN
BARELY KEEP
MY HEAD STRAIGHT.

I SEE.

WHILE I'D LOVE TO HEAR
MORE ABOUT YOUR
SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS
SOMETIME,



AS YOU KNOW,
OUR PROGRAM
FOCUSES ON "PEOPLE"
OF THE UNIVERSE.

RIGHT—

SO I'D LIKE TO
ASK YOU MORE
ABOUT YOURSELF.



LONG LIVE THE
"INTERNATIONAL
UNION FOR
NATURE"!!



FIFTEEN YEARS AGO,
WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF
SKYSCRAPERS AND
THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT
OF TECHNOLOGY,

THEY CREATED THE FIRST
EVER SPACE-THEMED COMPLEX
WITH AN ELEVATOR PLATFORM
THAT STRETCHED 230KM
INTO THE SKY AND PIERCED
THE ATMOSPHERE,

AND WITH THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THIS "SUPER SPACE PILLAR"
IN KANSAS, PEOPLE ALL OVER
THE WORLD DEVELOPED
AN INTEREST IN SPACE.



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**JUNE 2088,
PEOPLE OF THE
UNIVERSE!**



**TODAY'S INTERVIEW IS
ABOUT A MAN WHO,
FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS,
HAS BEEN A SENSATION SINCE
HIS TIME AS A RESEARCHER**

**FOR BEING ON
A MANNED EXPEDITION TO MARS
AND RETURNING AFTER COMPLETING
A YEAR OF SUCCESSFUL RESEARCH
IN THE INTERNATIONAL
MARS SPACE STATION:**



BUT I'M CURIOUS
ABOUT WHEN YOU
FIRST BECAME
INTERESTED IN THE
UNIVERSE.



WELL, AS IT'S BEEN
REPORTED IN SEVERAL
MEDIA SOURCES,



I FIRST BECAME
INTERESTED IN SPACE
WHEN THE SPACE
PILLAR OPENED.



IS THAT
SO?



OKAY,
MOM,

OF ALL THE PEOPLE WE'VE
HAD ON OUR SHOW SINCE THE FIRST
EPISODE,
YOU'RE THE MOST WELL-KNOWN
TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC,

NATURALLY,
THIS IS THANKS TO YOU
HAVING BEEN AN ASTRONAUT
IN THE FIRST LONG-TERM
MARS EXPEDITION
IN HISTORY

AND,
AS A GENIUS SCIENTIST,
TO YOUR VARIOUS
ACHIEVEMENTS AS AN
IACAS* RESEARCHER WHILE
STILL IN YOUR 20S.

EVEN IN KOREA,
YOUR NATIVE COUNTRY,
YOU'VE RECEIVED A LOT OF
ATTENTION FOR BEING THE
FIRST KOREAN AMERICAN
TO LAND ON MARS,

YOU'VE
ACCOMPLISHED
SO MUCH IN A VARIETY
OF FIELDS RELATING
TO SPACE,

ALUMNI
International Astronautical Association
for 34 countries and 7 years



I'D LIKE TO SEND
A KISS OUT TO ALL THOSE
OPPOSED TO DEVELOPMENT,
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISTS,

CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS AND
ALL RELIGIOUS GROUPS.



WE WISH
TO CALL THIS THE
"DAY OF BABEL'S
COLLAPSE."

OF COURSE,
I'M NOT SAYING
THAT THE DISASTER
NEEDED TO HAPPEN
IN ORDER FOR ME
TO GET TO WHERE
I AM NOW.

BUT THE FACT OF
THE MATTER IS THAT ALL
HISTORY HAS PROGRESSED
IN THIS WAY

AND WE CAN'T
DO ANYTHING
ABOUT THE PAST..

ALL I CAN
DO IS EXPRESS
MY DEEPEST
CONDOLENCES AND
GRATITUDE.



PUT YOUR
HANDS UP AND
GATHER UP
TOGETHER HERE!

*WORTH
NOTING*

*WORTH
NOTING*

SHUT THE
F#%K UP!!

THIS SUPER SPACE
PILLAR WILL EXPLODE
IN FIVE MINUTES

AND WITHIN
THIRTY FIVE MINUTES,
THE DESTRUCTION OF
THIS ENTIRE 230KM-HIGH
BUILDING WILL BE
COMPLETED.



HUMANITY'S
ADVANCE
INTO SPACE WILL
CEASE

AND MANY PEOPLE,
INCLUDING ME AND
MY COLLEAGUES,
WILL EITHER DIE OR
BE INJURED, BUT

**THE ASTRONAUT
YURI JEONG.**

**HELLO,
YURI,**

**HI THERE LAURA,
AND GREETINGS
TO EVERYONE
WATCHING.**

**YOU'VE BEEN
BACK FROM MARS
NOW FOR AROUND
FOUR MONTHS.**

**YOU MUST'VE
BEEN VERY BUSY.
WHAT HAVE YOU
BEEN UP TO SINCE
YOU GOT BACK?**

**I'VE BEEN ORGANIZING
AND PRESENTING
RESEARCH PROJECTS
AND EXPERIMENTS**

**WHILE I
CARRIED OUT
WHILE I WAS
IN SPACE,**



.....

..... YOU ARE
NOTHING MORE
THAN A TRASH-



**BUT AS MORE AND
MORE PEOPLE SOUGHT TO
ESCAPE FROM THE INCREASINGLY
DEVASTATED ENVIRONMENT
HERE ON EARTH**

**AND BEGAN SEARCHING
FOR PLACES TO LIVE
OUTSIDE THE EARTH,**



**IT BECAME DIFFICULT TO
FIND ANY KIND OF WORK
THAT WASN'T RELATED TO
THE PILLAR OR SPACE.**

**EVEN OUR
BROADCASTING COMPANY
IS CURRENTLY LOCATED
WITHIN THE PILLAR.**



I LOST MY BROTHER IN
THAT ACCIDENT, AND
THE REST OF MY FAMILY WAS
SERIOUSLY INJURED WHILE
WORKING ON RECOVERY
FOR THE AREA.

I WAS A TEENAGER
AT THE TIME AND BEGAN TO
QUESTION THE SPACE
PILLAR'S CONSTRUCTION
PROCESS ITSELF

WHICH WAS ULTIMATELY
A DECIDING FACTOR
IN EVENTUALLY BECOMING
A JOURNALIST.



AH,
REALLY?

ALL OF THE SPACE
PILLARS' PRIMARY
SAFETY OFFICES
AND FACILITIES

HAVE ALREADY LONG
BEEN OCCUPIED THROUGH
OUR ORGANIZATION'S
CAREFUL PLANNING.



BUT YOU
NEVER KNOW.

PERHAPS, AS YURI SAID,
THIS WILL ALSO JUST
BECOME ANOTHER PART
OF HISTORY..



AND NOW THIS PERSON,
A REPRESENTATIVE AND
SYMBOL OF MODERN
SPACE AERONAUTICAL
TECHNOLOGY.

SHALL REPRESENT
ALL THOSE WHO SEEK TO
ADVANCE HUMANITY'S FUTILE
MOVE INTO SPACE

„H-
HONEY...!!

CLICK

MIN!!

THE INTERVIEW

BY HANNA



AT THE TIME,
I WAS RECEIVING
ATTENTION AS A GIFTED
YOUNG SCIENTIST

AND IT WAS AROUND
THIS TIME THAT I DECIDED
TO STUDY BOTH PHYSICS
AND ENGINEERING OUT OF
AN INTEREST IN BOTH,



MY PARENTS
WERE BOTH
IMMIGRANTS FROM KOREA,
AND WERE VERY
PASSIONATE ABOUT
EDUCATION.

YOU STUDIED IN
THE CENTER FOR GIFTED
SCIENTISTS INSIDE
THE SPACE PILLAR,
RIGHT?

YES,
THAT'S RIGHT.



URGENT
SPECIAL REPORT:
A TERRORIST GROUP
HAS TAKEN OVER
THE SUPER SPACE PILLAR
IN KANSAS CITY...



THIS IS OUR
ORGANIZATION'S CAUSE
AND RESPONSE

TO ACCEPTING THE FATE
THAT HUMANITY MUST
RETURN TO AND
REMAIN ON EARTH,

AND ULTIMATELY
VANISH ALONG
WITH IT.

AAAH!!

SHE'S GOT
A GUN!!

WHAT'RE
YOU DOING!!



AGH!!

SHUT UP AND
GET OVER THERE!

WUP!!

AGH!!

IT'S BEEN AGES
SINCE WE LAST
SAW HIM, RIGHT?



BECAUSE OF MARS
OR WHATEVER,
NOW'S HE'S ON
THE OPPOSITE END OF
THE EARTH.

GOODBYE

CHH

CHH

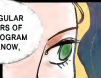
I'VE HEARD THAT
MANY PEOPLE THOUGHT
THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN
A TERRORIST ATTACK.



COMMITTED BY FAR-RIGHT
ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS
AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS
WHO OPPOSED THE PROJECT
FROM THE DEVELOPMENT
STAGE.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

AS REGULAR
VIEWERS OF
OUR PROGRAM
WILL KNOW,



SHALL BE
EXECUTED-

I LOVE
YOU!!

POW-



YEAH,
BUT ULTIMATELY,
THE CONSTRUCTION
CONTINUED.

YES IT DID.

AND IT'S THANKS TO
THE SUCCESSFUL
CONSTRUCTION OF
THE PILLAR THAT
I'M HERE.

RIGHT..
VERY IRONIC.

CAUTION!!

**WE ASK EVERYONE
IN AND AROUND
THE SPACE PILLAR
AND ITS CABLES TO
EVACUATE
IMMEDIATELY!!**



I'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR
THIS DAY.

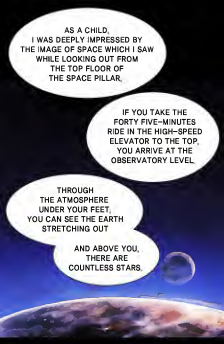
H-HUH?

JUMP

CHIK

WHAT'RE
YOU DOING?
THIS IS LIVE!





AS A CHILD,
I WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY
THE IMAGE OF SPACE WHICH I SAW
WHILE LOOKING OUT FROM
THE TOP FLOOR OF
THE SPACE PILLAR,

IF YOU TAKE THE
FORTY FIVE-MINUTES
RIDE IN THE HIGH-SPEED
ELEVATOR TO THE TOP,
YOU ARRIVE AT THE
OBSERVATORY LEVEL,

THROUGH
THE ATMOSPHERE
UNDER YOUR FEET,
YOU CAN SEE THE EARTH
STRETCHING OUT

AND ABOVE YOU,
THERE ARE
COUNTLESS STARS.

IT WAS A CHANCE
TO SEE THE UNIVERSE
WHILE REMAINING ON EARTH,
AND REPRESENTED AN INTEGRATION
OF THE RESEARCHABLE
SCIENTIFIC CONSTRUCTION
TECHNOLOGY OF THE TIME.

OF COURSE,
IT STILL DOES TO
THIS DAY.

THE CONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT OF
THE MASSIVE SUPPORT CABLES
WHICH STRETCHED ACROSS
THE UNITED STATES WAS
ALSO A BIG STORY
IN THE NEWS.

THE PRESSURE
FROM THE GOVERNMENT
TOWARDS CITIES
WHICH OPPOSED
THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE CABLES



MINNESOTA
MONTANA MICHIGAN
OREGON KANSAS NORTH CAROLINA
ARIZONA TEXAS MISSISSIPPI

AND THE SCANDALS
INVOLVING THE CORPORATIONS
AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE
FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTION WERE
ALSO WIDELY CRITICIZED.



HUMANITY'S ADVANCEMENT
OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY IS
AND ALWAYS WILL BE
MEANINGLESS,

AND HUMANITY IS
DESTINED TO
VANISH ALONG WITH
THE DESTRUCTION OF
THE EARTH,



THIS WILL BE
AN INCIDENT TO
REMIND EVERYONE
AGAIN.



AND YOU IMMEDIATELY
BEGAN WORKING IN
THE INTERNAL IACAS
RESEARCH CENTER.

CORRECT.

SO ESSENTIALLY
YOU'VE BENEFITED FROM
THE SPACE PILLAR
THROUGHOUT YOUR
ENTIRE LIFE.



ONE COULD
SAY THAT, YES.

AT FIRST, I ENTERED
THE WORLD OF JOURNALISM
AS SOMEONE WHO
OPPOSED THE PILLAR



ONE TO TWO THOUSAND
PEOPLE DIED OR
WENT MISSING

AND IF YOU INCLUDE
THE DAMAGE TO CITIES
WHICH WERE HIT
BY RUBBLE FROM
THE PILLAR,

THE OVERALL
DAMAGES
WERE OVER
ONE BILLION
DOLLARS.



THE SPACE PILLAR
CONSTRUCTION DISASTER
OF FEBRUARY EIGHTH 2080
WAS ALSO TERRIFIC.